

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re 53(b) Continuation Application of:)
Application No. 08/992,316) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Inventors: Todd J. MORTIER et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: Herewith)
For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM)
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE)
AND METHOD)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1, and add new claims 18-44, as follows:

18. (New) A method of treating an in situ heart valve, the method comprising:
providing a first elongate member having a first end and a second end and an
anchor assembly at each of the first and second ends;
anchoring the anchor assembly at the first end proximate the heart valve such
that at least a portion of the first elongate member between the first end and the second
end extends within a chamber of the heart; and
anchoring the anchor assembly at the second end to a portion of the heart
spaced from the anchor assembly at the first end,